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**GENERAL**

*TL 3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.*

June 10, 1968

Dear Mr. McCardell:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness  
in wiring at this time of tragedy. You have his  
thanks and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Walter McCardell<sup>x</sup>  
Baltimore Sun *Ind.*  
Baltimore, Maryland

Enclosure: 6/5 Statement re Senator Kennedy.

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The White House  
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

MR PRESIDENT OUR COUNTRY IS NUTS. PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

(Mr. WALTER MCCARDELL) (BALTIMORE<sup>2</sup> SUN) (BALTIMORE<sup>3</sup> MD.)

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GENERAL

*JK 3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.*

June 10, 1968

Dear Mrs. Bakren:

*Shirley*  
Your letter has been received and will be brought to President Johnson's attention at the earliest opportunity. Meanwhile, I want to thank you on his behalf for your interest in writing at this time of tragedy.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

*X*  
Mrs. Paul Bakren  
10 Greenwood Lane  
Roslyn, New York 11576

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10 Greenwood Lane  
Rochester NY 11576  
June 5, 1968

My dear President Johnson,

QCR  
6-10-68  
I want to take this opportunity to tell you how very much I, as one individual, appreciate all the sincere efforts and hard work you have put forth in your office as President of the United States. These past years have seen much tragedy and horror and in your own way you have brought strength to all of us.

This morning, the dreadful news of Senator Kennedy, so close to death by an assassin's bullet, brings shock and terror anew to all of us.

What can we, as private citizens, do to curtail the freedom of trigger-happy people? How can we act to prevent people from just being able



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to buy rifles, etc. just for the asking?

We look to you for advice.

The situation grows more & more serious,  
surely we can do something now before  
even worse tragedies (if this is possible)  
will happen.

God bless you with good health  
and peace of mind. Sincerely yours,  
(hus) Shirley Barker

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GENERAL

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JL3/Kennedy, Robt. F.  
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LG/Pasadena

June 10, 1968

Dear Mayor Doyal:

The President was most interested in the comments contained in your June 6 letter and asked me to reply to you.

I don't believe I need to reiterate here for you the President's abiding view that the law applies to all and must be respected by all. His most recent statements on this issue are attached.

This expression of your views is always welcomed.

Sincerely,

Larry E. Temple  
Special Counsel to the President

x  
Honorable Clyde Doyal  
Mayor of Pasadena  
Pasadena, Texas

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with June 5 press release -- Statement of President on Shooting of Senator RFK and June 10 press release -- Statement to the Commission on Investigating Violence

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CLYDE DOYAL  
MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF PASADENA  
TEXAS

June 6, 1968

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 2000

Dear Mr. President:

The tragic assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy comes as no surprise to many Americans who are concerned about the lawlessness that prevails in our country today. Respect for law and order in our country is almost nonexistent. As Mayor of one of our cities, I am asking you in the remaining months of your administration to provide firm leadership in dealing with crime, rioting and lawlessness.

You could begin by removing those people who have invaded Washington with their demands and threats against our country. It is disturbing to many Americans to see the Government of the most powerful nation in the world, helpless and feeble in dealing with mobs. It is disturbing to read where the United States Attorney General is abused, insulted and threatened and he can only sit tight-lipped. It is disturbing to see that people can go to a cafeteria in Washington, run up a bill for \$290.00 and arrogantly refuse to pay, resulting in laws being violated without any attempt at enforcement. Is it any wonder that fanatics throughout the country are inflamed and encouraged to violence when fanaticism is given such prominence and encouragement by the Federal Government and this prominence and encouragement displayed to all the world by the news media?

Yes, Mr. President, we the people must look to you and your successor to lead us out of this chaotic situation. Time is running out.

Respectfully yours,

*Clyde Doyal*  
CLYDE DOYAL

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF DALLAS  
TEXAS

June 6, 1968



CLYDE DOWAL  
MAYOR

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 2000

Dear Mr. President:

The City of Dallas is a city of law and order. It is a city where the law is respected and the lawlessness that prevails in our country today. Respect for law and order in our country is almost nonexistent. As Mayor of one of our cities, I am asking you in the remaining months of your administration to provide firm leadership in dealing with crime, rioting and lawlessness.

You could begin by removing those people who have invaded Washington with their demands and threats against our country. It is disturbing to many Americans to see the Government of the most powerful nation in the world, helpless and feeble in dealing with trouble. It is disturbing to read where the United States Attorney General is abused, threatened and cheated and he can only sit tight-lipped. It is disturbing to see that people can go to a cafeteria in Washington, run up a bill for \$250.00 and arrogantly refuse to pay, resulting in laws being violated without any attempt at enforcement. Is it any wonder that America throughout the country are inflamed and encouraged to violence when lawlessness is given such prominence and encouragement by the Federal Government and this prominence and encouragement displayed to all the world by the news media?

Yes, Mr. President, we the people must look to you and your successor to lead us out of this chaotic situation. Time is running out.

Respectfully yours,

*Clyde Dowal*  
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GENERAL

JL 3/ Kennedy,  
Robert F.  
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June 10, 1968

Dear Mrs. Cozart:

President Johnson has asked me to reply to your letter. You can be sure he understands -- and shares -- the concern which prompted your comments at this time of tragedy.

The President is grateful for your family's contribution to the cause of freedom in Viet-Nam. He prays with you that we may soon see an end to violence -- at home and abroad. In his words:

"This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and to walk united together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Elnora<sup>X</sup> Cozart  
1016 East Apache  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74106

Enclosures Stmt of 6/5 re Senator Kennedy;  
Proc. of death of Senator K; rmks of 3/31/68.

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1016 East Apache  
Tulsa, Okla

June 5, 1968

4/5 ✓ Dear Mr Pres:

3:25 A.M. I am sure you to are listening at your T.V. And know Senator Kennedy along with two others have been shot.

I have been constantly praying that he is alive. Two months ago Apr. 4<sup>th</sup> Dr Martin Luther King was killed. with killer still at large.

There have been to many unresolved murders in the U.S.A. I am sure by now you must realize its time to bring our boys out of Vietnam to stand guard here. How can we say we are over there fighting Communism when we have it all around us here and it seem to be getting worse.

Something is going on wrong. we must put a stop to it. Please get our boys out of Vietnam. My Son + Son-in-law spent a tour over there in the Marine. Neither of them know why they were there. But we do know they are needed here. I can't help but believe Equal Rights are playing the greatest part in these murders. Something must be done and it should began from The White House, until we learn to to Love everyone, and realize that



God made all of us equal and  
accept that.

Right now I can't imagine who will  
be president and what will become of  
America. Again I will state what Charles  
Evers just said on T.V. Anyone that stands  
for what is right in America, life is at  
danger.

It is now 4:35 A.M. There haven't been  
a word said about what you thought  
I guess you were to sound asleep to be awake.  
As our President please use your  
influence and do what you can to help  
Sick America.

May God Bless America

Sincerely

Mrs. Elnora Cozart

1016 E. Apache  
Tulsa, Okla.

President



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GENERAL

FL3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.

June 10, 1968

Dear Dr. Castagno:

The President mourns with the nation -- and with countless millions around the world -- the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In his words:

"This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Dr. Mary <sup>X</sup>Castagno  
2612 Fillmore  
El Paso, Texas

Enclosure: 6/6/68 proclamation  
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

I AM VERY UPSET WITH ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH YOU'LL PROBABLY  
NEVER READ THIS TELEGRAM IT SEEMS ODD TO ME THAT TWO SOUTHERN  
3 IRISH CATHOLICS HAVE TO DIE TO PRESERVE OUR COUNTRY I'M NOT  
AFRAID TO SIGN MY NAME AND ALTHOUGH YOU MAY NEVER READ THIS  
MY SYMPATHIES ARE WITH THE KENNEDY FAMILY TONIGHT I DO NOT  
2 KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING TO OUR COUNTRY I HOPE YOU DO

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(DR MARY CASTAGNO)(2612 FILLMORE.)

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy  
Robert F.

JL3/King

FG2/Kennedy,  
John F.

June 10, 1968

Dear Miss Fiew:

The President mourns with the nation -- and with countless millions around the world -- the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In his words:

"This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Adele Fiew  
2041 North Vermont  
Los Angeles, California

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

MR JOHNSON- FIRST JOHN KENNEDY, THEN MARTIN LUTHER KING,

THEN ROBERT KENNEDY. WHAT NEXT, MR PRESIDENT?

<sup>3</sup> (Miss ADELE FIEW) <sup>2</sup> (2041 NORTH VERMONT) LOSANGELES.

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GENERAL

IL 3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 10, 1968

Dear Friend:

President Johnson asked me to thank you for sending him the prayer for Senator Kennedy.

I am sorry to disappoint you, but photographs of Senator Kennedy are not available for distribution from the White House. Perhaps you would like to have the enclosed release.

Sincerely,

Juanita D. Roberts  
Personal Secretary  
to the President

† Reed  
48 Spoonwood Lane  
Wilton, Connecticut 06897

Enclosure: Release 6/6/68

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prayer to robert kennedy

let him live, let him live  
if bob doesnt live ill die ,

put faith in the children  
put children in the church  
robert kennedy is dead so ill die too.

president johnson & the senator is dead  
so I had to  
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please send a photo of the senator s  
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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy  
Robert F.

June 10, 1968

Dear Miss Bernenko:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing at this time of tragedy. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Ethel G. Bernenko  
1275 Washington Street  
San Francisco, California 94108

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Justice  
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Bernenko

ETHEL G. BERNENKO  
1275 Washington St.  
San Francisco, Calif. 94108

Ack  
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June 5, 1968

President Lyndon B. Johnson  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

The shocking assassination of Senator Kennedy only shows the many things wrong with this country:

(1) The rulings of the Supreme Court which has tied the hands of law enforcement agencies, the police and the Courts, so that criminals are running loose on the streets;

(2) A laxity in our laws so that criminal elements are not punished.

Unless there is a tightening up in our anti-crime laws, with more authority given to the police and law enforcement officials, we shall see a repeat of lawless groups in this country.

The shocking demonstrations of students at the colleges, destroying property, and with no respect for college rules and authority, is to me, nauseating.

WE NEED A STRONGER LAW TO PREVENT MANIACS FROM BUYING GUNS EASILY.

Very truly

*Ethel Bernenko*  
(Miss) Ethel G. Bernenko



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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.  
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June 10, 1968

Dear Miss O'Hara:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statement at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Beatrice R. O'Hara  
79 Pinelake Drive, East  
Wayne, New Jersey

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

EXCELLENT TALK LAST EVENING YOU CAN START THE RETURN TO  
LAW AND ORDER BY SENDING HOME THE CAMPERS IN WASHINGTON  
LET THEM APPOINT THEIR BEST PEOPLE TO REPRESENT THEM AND  
TO INFORM THE WORLD OF THEIR GRIEVANCES THIS COULD BE THE  
BEGINNING OF THE RETURN TO LAW AND ORDER. LETS FORTH RIGHTLY  
ATTACK OUR PROBLEMS WITHOUT PRESSING SO HARD AGAINST THE

LAWS OF OF OUR LAND JUST TO SEE IF THEY  
COLLAPSE DEEPLY CONCERNED.

BEATRICE R OHARA 79 PINELAKE DR EAST WAYNE NJER.

Miss

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GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 10, 1968

Dear Dr. Durham:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Dr. G. Homer Durham  
President  
+ Arizona State University  
Tempe, Arizona

Enclosures: Rels. 6/5 & 6/6, P's rmks re shooting of RFK  
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The White House  
Washington

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(<sup>4</sup>TEMPE ARIZ)<sup>5</sup>

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT YOU GO ON NATIONAL TELEVISION REMINDING  
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OF OUR INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES BY READING  
<sup>3</sup>AND COMMENTING ON THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

(<sup>1</sup>DR. G HOMER DURHAM)(<sup>2</sup>PRESIDENT)(<sup>3</sup>ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY.)

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GENERAL

June 10, 1968

9/3/Kennedy,  
Capt. F.  
PR 2/ST 23  
PR 6

Dear Addie:

Your interest in writing is understood and appreciated. I am sorry to disappoint you in connection with your request, but photographs of Senator Kennedy are not available for distribution from the White House. Perhaps, however, you would like to have the enclosed release.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Juanita D. Roberts  
Personal Secretary  
to the President

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Addie Snunn  
903 27th Street  
Cloquet, Minnesota 55720

Enclosure: 6/6/68 RFK Death Remarks

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903-27<sup>th</sup> St.  
Cloquet, Minnesota  
June 5, 1968. #879-3604

Dear Sirs,

I would very much like you to send me some pictures of Senator Robert Kennedy. This would mean a lot to me.

I have pictures of the late President Kennedy and of President Johnson and his family. Would you please try and get me some pictures of Mr. Kennedy?

I was very sorry to hear about the accident that Mr. Kennedy<sup>had</sup> and I'm glad he won the campaign.

Thank you very much  
Addie Spruill

P.S. I'm a great fan of Robert Kennedy.



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GENERAL

JFK 3/Kennedy  
Robert F.

June 10, 1968

Dear Miss Vajda:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your telegram and thank you for wiring at this time of tragedy. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Perhaps you would like to have the enclosed copy of one of the President's speeches addressed to today's youth.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Charlotte Vajda  
504 3rd Street  
Brooklyn, New York

Enclosure: Rel. 5/29/68, P's rmks at TCU  
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The White House  
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

MR PRESIDENT, ON THIS MOST GRIEVOUS MORNING THE RESULT  
OF YOUTHFUL VIOLENCE ENDING IN DEATH OF A SON, A FATHER, A  
HUSBAND WHO WORKED AND DIED FOR THIS COUNTRY IT IS URGENT  
TIME TO RECOUNT THE GUILT OF THIS NATION, THE GUILT IS  
NEGLECT. WE LET YOUTH TAKE OVER THIS OBEDIENCE  
PERMISSIVENCES, NOISE MAKING PROTEST FREEDOM

FASHIONABLE HYSTERIA IMMORALITY VIOLENCE HAS BECOME  
COMMON EVERY DAY. LIFE THESE ARE THE  
ACTIONS OF OUR YOUTH INVESTING OUR NATION. IT IS TIME TO  
RECOUNT OUR RESPONSIBILITY. IT IS TIME PARENTS  
TEACHERS GOVERNMENT TOOK THEMSELVES FORWARD TO BRING  
DISCIPLINE ORDER RIGHTEOUSNESS RESPECT BACK TO THIS  
NATION. LET US BEGIN TODAY TO RESTRAIN OUR YOUTH

GOD SAVE AMERICA

*(Miss)* CHARLOTTE VAJDA <sup>2</sup> 504 3RD ST <sup>3</sup> (BROOKLYN NY.)

**GENERAL**

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*JH3/Kennedy,  
Capt. F.*

**June 10, 1968**

**Dear Miss Martin:**

**In acknowledging the receipt of your telegram  
to President Johnson, I wish to assure you  
that your views have been fully noted.**

**Sincerely,**

**Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President**

**Miss Ann Martin  
1418 York  
Denver, Colorado**

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GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy, Lett.  
F.

June 10, 1968

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Orstein:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Perhaps you might like to have the enclosed copy of the President's statement.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Orstein  
241 Central Park West  
New York, New York

Enclosure: Release of 6/5/68.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WE THANK YOU FOR TONIGHTS SINCERE WORDS

*ms. & Mrs.*  
[JANE AND ALLAN ORSTEIN/241 CENTRAL PARK WEST/NEW YORK CITY.]

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GENERAL

June 10, 1968

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Dear Miss Swain:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your telegram and thank you for wiring at this time of tragedy. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

X  
Miss Adelaide Swain  
390 Willow Street  
Lockport, New York

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

MR PRESIDENT MAY I RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT IF OUR LEADERS WOULD  
LEAD OUR PEOPLE IN A RETURN TO MORALITY AND CONGRESS WOULD  
RESTORE PRAYERS TO THE SCHOOLS TO START OUR CHILDREN IN THE  
RIGHT PATHS IT WOULD HELP OUR NATION MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE. MANY  
BELIEVE THIS IS THE ONLY THING TO SAVE US. RESPECTFULLY YOURS

ADELAIDE SWAIN 390 WILLOW ST.

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HL3/Kennedy  
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June 10, 1968

Dear Mr. Hardy:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing at this time of tragedy. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

X  
Mr. Norman Hardy  
6760 Brigadoon Drive  
Bethesda, Maryland 20034

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Re: Assassination attempt on RFK  
Pro: Gun laws  
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NORMAN HARDY  
6760 BRIGADOON DRIVE  
BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20034

June 5, 1968

Dear Mr. President,

I write this bitter and sick at the news of the assassination attempt on Senator Kennedy.

I am convinced, more than ever, that legislation for the control of guns is essential. Small, hand guns serve the only purpose of killing humans. I urge you to keep Congress in session until they pass a gun control law that makes it a stiff Federal offense for non-law enforcement people to own hand guns of any kind, and strict control, by registration, of other arms.

Please, Mr. President, use your good office to do something about this terrible situation. If Congress won't do it perhaps you can legislate by means of an Executive Order.

I respectfully ask you to please also reexamine the present draft regulations, and issue the necessary order to make the current Selective Service System more equitable along the lines you mentioned about a year ago.

I take this opportunity to wish you the best of health and happiness when you leave office in January. Thank you for The Great Society.

Very truly yours,  
Norman Hardy



cc/

GENERAL

JL 3 / Kennedy, Robert  
FG 795  
FG 535

June 10, 1968

Dear Mr. Curry:

In acknowledging the receipt of your telegram to President Johnson, I wish to assure you that your views have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. William C. Curry  
6115 Shadycliff X  
Dallas, Texas

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

YOUR ADDRESS TO AMERICA TONIGHT MOST DISAPPOINTING STOP APPOINTMENTS  
OF DISTINGUISHED AMERICANS TO COMMISSION TO STUDY A PROBLEM  
3 WHICH EXISTED , EXISTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST IS A MOST  
INNOCUOUS SOLUTION STOP SINCERELY SUGGEST YOU SUMMON CHIEF  
JUSTICE SUPREME COURT TO DETERMINE COURTS COMPATABILITY WITH  
2 HISTORIC CONSTITUTIONAL PURPOSE STOP IT IS TIME THAT YOU AND

CONGRESS WHO HAVE TRIED TO PASS AND ADMINISTER LAWS FOR HARMONIOUS  
LIVING WITHIN US NOW POINT THE FINGER OF RESPONSIBILITY AT THE  
JUDICIARY STOP OUR FOREFATHERS INTENDED A THREE BRANCH  
GOVERNMENT WITH POWER EVENLY DISTRIBUTED STOP EVENTS OF LAST  
FEW MONTHS INDICATE UNBALANCED GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY AND A  
STRONG NEED FOR PROPER EXECUTION OF CHECK AND BALANCE SYSTEM  
WILLIAM C CURRY 6115 SHADYCLIFF DALLAS TEX .



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GENERAL

JL3 / Kennedy,  
Robert F.  
P 112

June 10, 1968

Dear Miss Kantor:

President Johnson has received your letter and asked me to thank you for writing. He shares your view that the spiritual and moral climate of our country is of the greatest importance.

In view of your interest, I am sending you the enclosed releases.

With the President's gratitude for your kind personal sentiments, and with his best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

X  
Miss Harriet Kantor  
13800 Biola Avenue  
La Mirada, California 90638

Enclosures. Rel. of 6/6/68, RFK Day of Mourning Proc.  
Rel. of 2/1/68, Pres.'s remarks at Prayer Breakfast  
Rel. of 10/7/67, Natl. Day of Prayer Proc.

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HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE  
FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS?



Just as there are physical laws that govern the physical universe, so there are spiritual laws which govern your relationship with God.

## LAW ONE

GOD LOVES YOU, AND HAS A  
WONDERFUL PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.

(Scripture references contained in this booklet should be read in context from the Bible wherever possible.)

## GOD'S LOVE

**John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

## GOD'S PLAN

**John 10:10b** (Christ speaking) "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (A full and meaningful life).

Why is it that most people are not experiencing the abundant life?

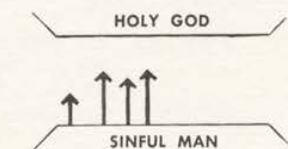


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## LAW TWO

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MAN IS SINFUL AND  
SEPARATED FROM GOD,  
THUS HE CANNOT  
KNOW AND EXPERIENCE  
GOD'S LOVE AND  
PLAN FOR HIS LIFE.



(Man is continually trying to reach God and the abundant life through his own efforts, good life, ethics, philosophy, etc.)

## MAN IS SINFUL

**Romans 3:23** "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

(Sin is an attitude of indifference to God, and is characterized by an attitude of active or passive rebellion.)

## MAN IS SEPARATED

**Romans 6:23** "For the wages of sin is death . . ."

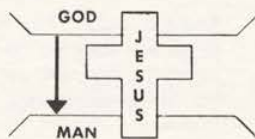
(Man was created to have fellowship with God, but because of his own stubborn self-will, man chose to go his own independent way and fellowship with God was broken.)

The Third Law gives us the only answer to this dilemma.

### LAW THREE

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JESUS CHRIST IS GOD'S  
ONLY PROVISION FOR  
MAN'S SIN. THROUGH  
HIM YOU CAN KNOW  
GOD'S LOVE AND PLAN  
FOR YOUR LIFE.



God seeking man

#### Romans 5:8

"But God proves His love for us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

#### John 14:6

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

#### II Corinthian 5:21

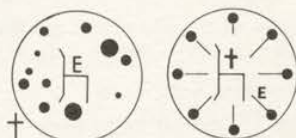
"For He (God) hath made Him (Christ) to be sin for us, who (Christ) knew no sin: that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."

It is not enough to know these three laws or even to believe them . . .

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## LAW FOUR

WE MUST **RECEIVE** JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOUR AND LORD BY **PERSONAL INVITATION**.



E—Ego or **Finite** self on the throne  
 †—Christ outside the life  
 •—Interests controlled by self, resulting in discord and frustration

†—Christ in the life.  
 •—Interests under control of **Infinite** God, resulting in harmony and purpose.

## HOW TO RECEIVE CHRIST: (Read John 3:1-8)

**John 1:12** "But as many as **received** Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe in His name."

## PERSONAL INVITATION

**Revelation 3:20** (Christ is speaking) "Behold I stand at the door and knock: If any man hear my voice, and open the door, **I will come in to him . . .**"

"Receiving" Christ involves commitment of the total person—intellect, emotion and will. (The change which follows this initial act may be sudden or gradual according to one's personality.)

Is there any good reason why you wouldn't like to **receive** Christ right now?



### WHAT TO PRAY AS AN ACT OF RECEIVING CHRIST:

Pray in your own words. God knows your heart and is not concerned with your words, but rather with the attitude of your heart. The following is a suggested prayer:

"Lord Jesus, forgive my sins. I open the door of my life and receive you as my Saviour and Lord. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person you want me to be. Thank you for coming into my life and for hearing my prayer as you promised."

### HOW TO KNOW CHRIST IS IN YOUR LIFE:

Did you ask Christ into your life? Were you sincere? Where is He right now? Christ said that He would come into your life. Would He mislead you? Then where is He? On what authority do you **know**? (The trustworthiness of God Himself and His Word.)

1 John 5:10-13 "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: He that believeth not God hath made Him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of His Son. And this is the record, that God hath **given** to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that **hath** the Son **hath** life (right now); and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may **know** that ye **have** eternal life."

### HOW TO BE A DYNAMIC CHRISTIAN

- G** Go to God in Prayer Daily (John 15:7)
- R** Read God's Word Daily—Begin with the Gospel of John (Acts 17:11)
- O** Obey God Moment by Moment (John 14:21)
- W** Witness for Christ Daily by Your Life and Words (Matt. 4:19; John 15:8)
- T** Trust God for Every Detail of Your Life (1 Pet. 5:7)
- H** Holy Spirit—Allow Him to Control and Empower Your Daily Life and Witness (Gal. 5:16-17; Acts 1:8)

#### The Importance of the Church

In Hebrews 10:25 we are admonished "to forsake not the assembling of ourselves together . . ." Several logs burn brightly together; put one aside on the cold hearth and the fire goes out. So it is in your relationship to other Christians. If you do not belong to a church, do not wait to be invited. Take the initiative; call the pastor of a nearby church where Christ is honored and the Bible is preached. Make plans now to start next Sunday and to attend each week.

William R. Bright

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Encs.: Ref. of 6/6/68, RFR Day of Mourning  
Ref. of 2/1/68, Pb remarks at Reagan Breakfast  
Ref. of 10/7/67, Natl. Day of Prayer  
Dear President Johnson:

I realize how very important is every minute of your time, so I shall try to make this letter brief. I feel I should write it to you, and I trust you will read and think about what I have written.

I have just finished my first year of college. At the time I am writing this Senator Kennedy's life is hanging in the balance. Thousands of people are probably wondering what is becoming of our great nation. Will it crumble, and become as nothing?

It is my strong conviction that if our nation will truly turn to God, He will surely bless us. To quote some Scripture, Psalms 33:8,12 says, "Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Psalms 29:11 says, "The Lord will give strength unto His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace."

We can only claim these promises if we are God's people. Many in our nation know about God, and many are praying to Him now, perhaps for the first time in their lives. But this is not sufficient; we must have a personal relationship with God.

Dr. Byron, chief surgeon at the City of Hope, says his secret of success is an hour of prayer each morning before he begins the day. Here is a man with a living, personal, and vital relationship with Jesus Christ.

I am enclosing a booklet with a brief explanation of how to have a vital relationship with Christ. If our nation's leaders are to lead us in the right way, they must know God, and in this way they will find salvation for their own souls first of all.

I do hope you will not think I am just some kind of fanatic or something. I have spent much time in writing this letter, and I trust you will read the enclosed booklet carefully. I will be praying for you and our nation much.

As a verse for yourself I would like to give you Psalms 27:14: "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord."

Sincerely,

Harriet Kantor

Miss Harriet Kantor



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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.  
RM2

June 10, 1968

Dear Mrs. Bailey:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Perhaps you would like to have the enclosed releases.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. G. J. Bailey  
8724 Edgehill Drive, SE.  
Huntsville, Alabama 35802

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Releases of 6/6/68 President's remarks concerning Robert F. Kennedy's death.

Releases of 2/1/68 President's Prayer breakfast remarks

Releases of 10/7/68 National Day of Prayer Proclaimed.

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Lynell Baine Johnson Breakfast room  
while 7 hours Rel. of 10/7/67. Natl. Day  
Washington D.C. of Prayer Pac.

Dear Mr. President:

They are saying via  
television "our Country is sick."  
I say, our Country is not sick,  
it is the home, for this is  
where we learn of love.

// we must pray for the home.  
a Christian, wife, mother and

grandmother.

Sincerely  
Mrs Geo F. Bailey  
8724 Edgemoor  
Drive SE  
Huntsville, Ala.  
35802



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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,  
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June 10, 1968

Dear Mr. Failla:

President Johnson has received your letter and asked me to thank you for writing. He shares your view that the spiritual and moral climate of our country is of the greatest importance.

In view of your interest, I am sending you the enclosed releases.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. David Failla  
2921 Avenue J, East  
Omaha, Nebraska 68110

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 dek 6/10 mee Dear President  
 Rel. of 2/1/68, P's remarks at breakfast  
 Rel. of 10/7/67, Hall. Day of Mourning for RFK.

As I laid in bed early this morning, thinking about Senator Kennedy, and praying that he would regain his consciousness, I was struck by the fact that you appointed a commission to study "what's wrong with America". And this is what I perceived:

To what have most of us people turned to when we heard that Senator Kennedy was seriously wounded? Different officials and news reporters ended their statements somewhat in this fashion: "... my sincere regrets to the Kennedy family, ... and my prayers that the Senator would recover and return to normal life."

We, whether consciously, or unconsciously,

turned to prayers in a time of need. But prayers, to whom?— Prayers to God, to Him who has the power of all thing, and to Him who gave us the word of truth and showed us how to live together.

You say, "What's wrong with America", and you as <sup>the</sup> president of this Nation asks a commission to find out the cause which is destroying the foundation of this country?

Now, How can we, in one hand ask God to help senator Kennedy, and on the other hand, form a commission to find out the cause of this and many other evil deeds? It doesn't quite make sense.

When we're in trouble, we suddenly turn to prayers - one of



man's own natural instincts. And that is the need for this country, to turn our hearts to prayers.

We have forsaken the God who gave us the land and made us to prosper; but above all, we have forsaken the God who gave us the just word of truth to live by.

We say we are a Christian nation, but morally we fail to stand up to it. Our trouble is that we have forsaken our Lord and have turned to our own weakened thoughts and hearts to lead us in a world of turmoil.

If we can turn to God when we're in trouble, why cannot we turn to Him and thank Him when we're prospering. After all, ~~He~~ He's the one

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who increases our prosperity.

And many people <sup>might</sup> say: "this is a free country and I worship or not worship God if I so please."

This country was founded upon the freedom of worshipping and the freedom to live together by just precepts; it was not founded by people who wanted to be free from worshipping. Those type of people were the enemy of this nation, and will always be.

I am not a preacher, nor a white collar man; but I am simply a common man, who works hard by building wood-cabinets, and who values the worth of freedom; and what things I perceived this morning I thought might be of help to you.

#5  
O.H. America, America, my  
beloved America.

Turn thy people to the ways  
of God.

And as little children He  
will lead them to eternal peace.

Yours truly

David Failla

DAVID FAILLA

2921 Ave. J. East



GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, RF

June 10, 1968

Dear Mrs. McFadden:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your telegram. Please be sure that your comments at this time of tragedy have been fully noted.

Perhaps you might like to see the enclosed copy of the President's remarks.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Donald O. McFadden  
409 Ramato Court  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Enclosure<sup>4</sup> Rmks of P of 6-6-68, re RFK:

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEAR MR PRESIDENT

IN REGARDS TO ROBERT KENNEDY SHOOTING I AM ASHAMED FOR THE  
UNITED STATES AND I AM ASHAMED TO BE AN AMERICAN

MRS DONALD O MCFADDEN / 409 RAMATO CT / VIRGINIA BEACH VA.

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JW3/Kennedy, Robert

June 10, 1968

Dear Mr. Hewitt:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your telegram. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. John Hewitt  
3105 Cloucrest Lane  
Crescenta, California

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\* Heyman, Rachel E.

Dear Mr. Johnson,

I don't understand why you find  
it so incomprehensible that Sen. Kennedy  
was shot. How can you ask, "What's  
happening to America?" This is America!

You are training hundreds of thousands  
of young men - America's future leaders -  
to have no respect for human life.  
To wantonly kill and destroy anything  
that has any relation to what you feel  
is an ideal that is incompatible with  
your own. What's the difference between  
a soldier killing a ~~vietnamese~~ vietnamese  
peasant like an insect, and a

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JW3/Kennedy, Robert

June 10, 1968

Dear Mr. Bond:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your telegram. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Paul D. Bond  
624 Royal Street  
New Orleans, Louisiana

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*FL3/Kennedy*  
*Robert J.*  
*FG 795*

June 10, 1968

Dear Mr. Leslie:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness  
in writing at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments,  
and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and  
best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. John S. <sup>X</sup>Leslie  
President  
<sup>X</sup>Leslie Company  
Lyndhurst, New Jersey 07071

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The President of the United States  
The White House  
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Dear Mr. President:

You are to be commended for your action in appointing a committee to investigate the reasons behind the disregard of life and property that is apparent today, especially in the light of what happened in California yesterday.

We all believe in freedom of speech and of the press, but these freedoms have been so blatantly abused that some action is essential if any freedoms are to survive.

The generation weaned, educated, and deeply influenced by television has now come of age. The examples that have been set for them through this medium - the shooting, knifing, and many, many sadistic films shown daily - are, to many of them, an accepted way of life. How can anyone fail to see the effect of horror movies and horror news reports on television and in the press on the attitudes of the generation now coming of age, and on their thinking and actions?

It may take a generation or more to undo the harm that has already been done, but I believe that everyone associated with television, the movies, and the press should do some serious soul-searching on this subject, and that our legislators who are elected to provide means for maintaining law and order should also be deeply concerned.

This constant dwelling upon the bad and ugly, the sensationalism and indifference to human dignity, has done more harm to America in the eyes of the world than our many programs of aid and counsel can overcome. I trust and hope that you will continue your endeavors to bring cohesiveness of spirit back into the efforts and lives of the American people.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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John S. Leslie  
President

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**GENERAL**

*JD 3/Kennedy, Robert*  
*ND19/CO312/ND9*

June 10, 1968

Dear Mrs. Ramsey:

President Johnson has asked me to reply to your letter. He understands -- and shares -- the grief and concern which prompted you to write.

It is the President's earnest prayer that everyone may soon know the day when reason will prevail and violence will cease.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. James B. Ramsey (*Bretchen Ramsey*)  
926 Summit Avenue  
Westfield, New Jersey 07090

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Son in Vietnam

Mrs. James B. Ramsey ) 1

926 Summit Ave. ) 2

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June 5, 1968

Dear President Johnson

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I feel compelled to  
tell you that I am ter-  
rified about the state of  
our beloved country.

Our family is saddened  
by the recent arrival of  
our only son in Viet Nam,  
but the madness  
which took place early  
this morning in Calif-  
ornia is even more  
frightening.

Please help to lead  
us all to safety!

Respectfully,  
Guthrie B. Ramsey

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.

June 8, 1968

Dear Miss Gunning:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statement at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Daisy B. Gunning  
1803 Vista Del Mar  
Hollywood, California

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

MR PRESIDENT IN LOS ANGELES I HEARD YOUR MESSAGE ON CBS

YOU WERE MAGNIFICENT

<sup>3</sup> Miss DAISY B GUNNING (1803 VISTA DEL MAR (HOLLYWOOD CALIF.))

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GENERAL

*JL3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.*

June 8, 1968

Dear Mr. Ray:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statement at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

<sup>X</sup>  
Mr. Jerr Ray  
52 Parker Street  
Quincy, Massachusetts

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEAR MR PRESIDENT I HAVE LISTENED TO YOUR SPEECH PRESIDENT

JOHNSON AND PLEASE DON'T LEAVE OUR COUNTRY NOW WE OF ALL

<sup>3</sup> NATIONALITIES NEED YOU

Mr. JERR RAY<sup>2</sup> (52 PARKER ST.)



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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert

June 8, 1968

Dear Mrs. Peterson:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statement at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Walter Peterson  
7301 Ramona Street  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THIS WAS THE GREATEST SPEECH YOU EVER MADE I AM SORRY YOU

ARE RETIRING

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( MRS WALTER PETERSON ) 7301 RAMONA ST. ✓ )

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Mrs. Walter Peterson  
7301 Ramona Street  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida





GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 8, 1968

Dear Mr. Hickey:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statement at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Bill Hickey  
55 Jefferson  
Belleville, New Jersey

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

HAVE HEARD YOUR MESSAGE TONIGHT ON TELEVISION I AGREE WITH

YOU IN ALL WAYS IN WHAT YOU SAY ON THE UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT

OF MR KENNEDY. MAY OUR COUNTRY GO ON FORWARD

Mr. BILL HICKEY<sup>1</sup> (55<sup>2</sup> JEFFERSON<sup>3</sup> (BELLEVILLE NJER.))

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**GENERAL**

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June 8, 1968

Dear Miss Cook:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statement at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoenaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Clara Boyd Cook  
8120 Thornton Road  
Baltimore, Maryland

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

YOUR SPEECH TONIGHT IS HIGHLY COMMENDABLE AND A NEEDED STEP

IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

<sup>3</sup> Mrs CLARA BOYD COOK<sup>2</sup> (8120 THORNTON RD) BALTO.

GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.

June 8, 1968

Dear Mrs. Fenzel:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statement at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Katherine Fenzel  
Eastchester, New York

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH YOUR FINE STATEMENT

MRS KATHERINE FENZEL.

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cc/

GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 8, 1968

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Oliphant:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statement at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Oliphant  
Orinda, California

Enclosure: Stmt of 6/5 re shooting of  
Senator Kennedy.

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Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WE CAN. WE MUST. WE SHALL

Mr & Mrs  
HARRY AND AGNES OLIPHANT.)

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**GENERAL**

JW3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 8, 1968

Dear Mrs. Christal:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statement at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Loran L. Christal  
2916 Angelus Drive  
Amarillo, Texas

Enclosure: Stmt of 6/5 re shooting of  
Senator Kennedy.

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The White House  
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

YOU ARE THE ONLY MAN WITH GUTS ENOUGH TO GO ON TELEVISION AND  
TO TELL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHAT THEY NEED TO DO TO PREVENT  
<sup>3</sup> THE RECENT EVENTS FROM HAPPENING AGAIN. THE TIME HAS COME FOR  
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO BE BAWLED OUT AND YOU HAVE THE AUTHORITY  
TO DO IT FIRMLY

<sup>2</sup>  
(<sup>1</sup>MRS LORAN L CHRISTAL)(<sup>2</sup>2916 ANGELUS DR.)

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**GENERAL**

*JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.*

June 8, 1968

Dear Mr. Leonard:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statement at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. John J. Leonard  
1130 Goodrich Road  
Bloomington, Minnesota

Enclosure: Stmt of 6/5 re shooting of  
Senator Kennedy.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

AS A FERVENT SUPPORTER OF ROBERT KENNEDY APPRECIATE YOUR MOST

ADROIT REMARKS MADE THIS EVENING JUNE 5 IN SUPPORT OF THE

<sup>3</sup> REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY FOR A STRONG NATION

Mr. JOHN J LEONARD (11300 GOODRICH ROAD) (BLOOMINGTON MINN.) <sup>3</sup>

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**GENERAL**

3/ Kennedy, Robert F.

June 8, 1968

Dear Miss Parks:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statement at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Ruth Parks

Little Compton, Rhode Island

Enclosure: Stmt of 6/5 re shooting of Senator Kennedy.

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Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPEECH I AGREE WITH YOU 100 PERCENT

Miss RUTH PARKS (LITTLE COMPTON RI.)  
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June 8, 1968

GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy  
Robert F.  
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Dear Mr. Milwee:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statement at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Frank Milwee  
3215 O Street, NW.  
Washington, D. C.

Enclosure: Stmt of 6/5 re shooting of  
Senator Kennedy.

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Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THANK YOU FOR THE WISDOM OF MAKING AN ADDRESS TONIGHT AND FOR  
APPOINTING THE COMMISSION. YOUR ACTIONS GIVE HOPE FOR FUTURE LIFE  
IN THIS COUNTRY NOW FOR THE SAKE OF US ALL, WE MUST BE FAITHFUL TO  
THE TASK OF HEEDING THE CONSULTATIONS OF THESE WISE MEN. I SHALL  
TRY VERY, VERY HARD

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Mr. FRANK MILWEE<sup>1</sup> (3215 O ST NW<sup>2</sup> WASHINGTON DC.<sup>3</sup>)

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GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.

June 8, 1968

Dear Mr. Evans:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your telegram and thank you for wiring at this time of tragedy. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

X  
Mr. Roy Evans  
2327 Hardesty Drive, North  
Columbus, Ohio

Enclosure : 6/5/68 Statement re Senator Kennedy

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(COLUMBUS OHIO) 5

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

A VERY FINE TALK BUT IT IS THREE YEARS TOO LATE

Mr. ROY EVANS (2327 HARDESTY DR NORTY.)

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert  
FGI

June 8, 1968

Dear Miss Shaw:

President Johnson appreciates your  
thoughtful message at this time of tragedy.  
You have his thanks and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Margaret B. Shaw  
9271 Southwest 56th Terrace  
Miami, Florida

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

MY HEART AND EARS HAVE JUST LISTENED TO YOU BY TV ALL OF THIS  
DAY AND SINCE YOUR WITHDRAWAL FROM NATIONAL FIGURE HAS MY HEART  
GONE OUT TO YOU. YOU HAVE BEEN HONEST THE NATION AND YOU  
CANNOT BEAR ALONE WHAT IS ILL AMONG US DO NOT DESTROY YOURSELF  
TRYING TO SAVE WHAT MAY BE BEYOND US BUT WE LOVE YOU IN MIND

<sup>1</sup> (Miss MARGARET B SHAW) <sup>2</sup> (9271 SW 56 TERR) <sup>3</sup> (MIAMI FLO.)



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GENERAL

IL 3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 8, 1968

Dear Mr. Renegar:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statement at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

x  
Mr. G. Elmo Renegar  
President  
x Virginia Bible College  
1500 Azelea Garden Road  
Norfolk, Virginia

Enclosure: Stmt of 6/5 re shooting of  
Senator Kennedy.

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The White House  
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

MR PRESIDENT YOUR SPEECH TONIGHT WAS ONE OF YOUR BEST THE  
SOLUTION TO THE ILLS OF OUR NATION IS THE STRENGTHENING OF MORE  
GOOD CONSCIOUSNESS TO THE INDIVIDUAL. HUNDREDS OF US ARE  
DOING THIS IN OUR LOCALITIES ACROSS THE NATION. IF YOU WILL TAKE  
THE LEADERSHIP IN DOING THIS NATIONALLY WE WILL GLADLY JOIN  
WITH YOU. I BELIEVE THROUGH THIS AVENUE GOD WILL HELP US.

GOD BLESS YOU. I'M PRAYING HIS HELP FOR YOU NOW.

SINCERELY

Mr. G ELMO RENEGAR<sup>1</sup> (PRESIDENT<sup>2</sup> VIRGINIA BIBLE COLLEGE<sup>3</sup>)  
(1500 AZELEA GARDEN RD<sup>4</sup> NORFOLK VIR.<sup>5</sup>)

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 8, 1968

Dear Mr. Deman:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statement at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

x  
Mr. William Deman  
Department of Speech  
x Marshall University  
Huntington, West Virginia

Enclosure: Stmt of 6/5 re shooting of  
Senator Kennedy.

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Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

YOUR SPEECH WEDNESDAY EVENING AN HISTORIC MOMENT. I STRONGLY  
SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT PEACE AND TRANQUILITY IN  
3 AMERICAN LIFE.

Mr. WILLIAM DEMAN<sup>1</sup> (DEPT OF SPEECH<sup>2</sup> MARSHALL UNIVERSITY<sup>3</sup>.)

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GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 8, 1968

Dear Miss Yahraes:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statement at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Genevieve L. <sup>+</sup>Yahraes

Stanfordville, New York

Enclosure: Stmt of 6/5 re shooting of  
Senator Kennedy.

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The White House  
Washington

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STANDFORDVILLE NY JUNE 5

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR ALL YOU ARE DOING ON EVERY  
FRONT YOUR ADDRESS WAS APPRECIATED GOD BE ALWAYS WITH YOU

3 AND YOUR FAMILY SINCERELY

Miss GENEVIEVE L YAHRAES (STANDFORDVILLE NY.)

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GENERAL

IL 3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 8, 1968

Dear Mr. March:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statement at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

x  
Mr. W. P. March  
18 Wagstaff Lane  
West Islip, New York

Enclosure: Stmt of 6/5 re shooting of  
Senator Kennedy.

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The White House  
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

MR PRESIDENT

MAY I THANK YOU FOR YOUR ADMONITION TO VIOLENCE AND YOUR KIND

3 RESPECT TO SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY

Ms. W P MARCH (18 WAGSTAFF LANE (WEST ISLIP NY.))

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.  
SP3-236/ST7

June 8, 1968

Dear Mrs. Church:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statement at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Arthur W. Church<sup>x</sup>

Essex, Connecticut

Enclosure: Stmt of 6/5 re shooting of  
Senator Kennedy.

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The White House  
Washington

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TDNK (ESSEX CONN 5) *only*

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEAR PRESIDENT : THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND WORDS FOR BOB KENNEDY

I AM ONLY ONE DEMOCRAT BUT NOW WITH YOU 100 PERCENT

3 PLEASE RECONSIDER YOUR POSITION FOR 68. ALL AMERICANS

NEED YOU

2 (MRS ARTHUR W CHURCH.)

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GENERAL

IL 3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 8, 1968

Dear Miss Bramlett  
and Miss Pyle:

President Johnson appreciates your  
thoughtfulness in wiring following his  
statement at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your  
comments, and he asked that I convey to  
you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Ruth R. Bramlett  
Miss Hallie R. <sup>x</sup>Pyle  
3119 Roe Drive  
Houston, Texas

Enclosure: Stmt of 6/5 re shooting of  
Senator Kennedy.

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The White House  
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THANK YOU MR PRESIDENT FOR YOUR TV MESSAGE TO AMERICANS THIS

PM WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP

<sup>3</sup> Miss RUTH R BRAMLETT <sup>1</sup> <sup>miss</sup> <sup>2</sup> HALLIE R PYLE <sup>3</sup> (3119 ROE DRIVE) HOUSTON.



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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.

June 8, 1968

Dear Miss Huenner:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statement at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Joan<sup>X</sup> Huenner

Greenville, New York

Enclosure: Stmt of 6/5 re shooting of  
Senator Kennedy.

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Washington

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TDAB (GREENVILLE NY) 5 1020P EDT

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SPEECH. YOU ARE OUR  
PRESIDENT BECAUSE OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING IN THESE MOST  
3 GREVIOUS MATTERS SINCERELY YOURS

*Miss* JOAN HUEMMER.

**GENERAL**

JL3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.

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June 8, 1968

Dear Mr. Taylor:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statement at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. Arthur C. <sup>X</sup>Taylor  
24 Pithian Drive  
New Castle, Delaware

Enclosure: Stmt of 6/5 re shooting of  
Senator Kennedy.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR VERY FINE SPEECH THIS EVENING WHICH

GIVES US STRENGTH AND ENCOURAGEMENT SINCERELY

<sup>3</sup>(Mr. ARTHUR C TAYLOR<sup>2</sup>(24 FITHIAN DR.))

GENERAL

*No National Day  
of Mourning  
J. B. Kennedy, Robert F.*

June 8, 1968

Dear Miss Wenner:

The President asked me to thank you for your telegram. He was grateful to know of your concern at this time.

Enclosed is a copy of the President's Proclamation designating Sunday, June 9, as a day of national mourning.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

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Miss Rebecca Wenner  
President  
X Orangeville, Civic Club  
Orangeville, Pennsylvania

Enclosure: Rel of 6/6/68, Death of Robert F. Kennedy Proc.

DEK:ms

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GENERAL

*No National Day  
of Mourning  
JL3 / Kennedy,  
Robert F.*

June 8, 1968

Dear Mr. Miller:

The President asked me to thank you for your telegram. He was grateful to know of your concern at this time.

Enclosed is a copy of the President's Proclamation designating Sunday, June 9, as a day of national mourning.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. C. C. Miller

Morrisville, Vermont

Enclosure: Rel of 6/6/68, Death of Robert F. Kennedy Proc.

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GENERAL

*No National Day  
of Mourning  
JL3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.*

June 8, 1968

Dear Miss Piper:

The President asked me to thank you for your telegram. He was grateful to know of your concern at this time.

Enclosed is a copy of the President's Proclamation designating Sunday, June 9, as a day of national mourning.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Henrita Piper  
1504 Kansas Avenue  
McKeesport, Pennsylvania

Enclosure: Rel of 6/6/68, Death of Robert F. Kennedy Proc.

DEK:ms

June 8, 1968

GENERAL

*No National Day  
of Mourning  
JL3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.*

Dear Mr. Martin:

The President asked me to thank you for your telegram. He was grateful to know of your concern at this time.

Enclosed is a copy of the President's Proclamation designating Sunday, June 9, as a day of national mourning.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. N. K. Martin  
103 Oak Avenue, South  
Endicott, New York

Enclosure: Rel of 6/6/68, Death of Robert F. Kennedy Proc.

DEK:ms

**GENERAL**

*No National Day  
of Mourning  
JL3/Kennedy, Bob F.*

June 8, 1968

Dear Mrs. Carey:

The President asked me to thank you for your telegram. He was grateful to know of your concern at this time.

Enclosed is a copy of the President's Proclamation designating Sunday, June 9, as a day of national mourning.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Juanita Carey  
4819 Imogene  
Houston, Texas 77035

Enclosure: Rel of 6/6/68, Death of Robert F. Kennedy Proc.

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.

June 8, 1968

Dear Miss Bente:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statement at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Jeanette S. X Bente  
229 East Main Street  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Enclosure: Stmt of 6/5 re shooting of  
Senator Kennedy.

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Washington

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(HARRISBURG PENN) 5

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

ONCE BEFORE I COMMENDED YOU ON THE FACT THAT YOU WERE "HOMEY"

TONIGHT I HEARD YOU IN ELOQUENT ANGER BOTH TIMES I ADMIRED YOU

<sup>3</sup>  
CARRY ON IN YOUR ANGER

<sup>2</sup>  
Mrs JEANETTE S BENTE (229 EAST MAIN ST.)

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GENERAL

FE 3-1/Kennedy,  
Att. 5.  
JL 3/Kennedy,  
Att. 5.

June 8, 1968

Dear Mrs. Marston:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your telegram and thank you for wiring at this time of tragedy. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Hunter Marston, Jr.  
620 North  
Greenwich, Connecticut

Enclosure : 6/5/68 Statement re Senator Kennedy

AQ:trd



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GENERAL

923/Kennedy, LHM 5.

June 8, 1968

Dear Mr. Malloy:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statement at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

X  
Mr. John Malloy  
Taconic Road  
Greenwich, Connecticut

Enclosure: Stmt of 6/5 re shooting of  
Senator Kennedy.

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Washington

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TDST (GREENWICH CONN) 5 1027P EDT

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

NOT JOHNSON SUPPORTER BUT MESSAGE ON VIOLENCE TRULY BRILLIANT

CONGRATULATIONS

<sup>3</sup> Mr. JOHN MALLOY (TACONIC RD.)

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GENERAL

JH 3/Kennedy,  
Lett. F.

June 8, 1968

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Johnson:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statement at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Johnson  
5956 Fern Street  
Stockton, California

Enclosure: Stmt of 6/5 re shooting of  
Senator Kennedy.

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The White House  
Washington

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STOCKTON CALIF 5 717P PDT

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

JUST LISTENED TO YOUR SPEECH AND GOD BLESS YOU

MR AND MRS THOMAS W JOHNSON (5956 FERN ST) (STOCKTON CALIF.)

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**GENERAL**

*No National Day  
of Mourning  
JL 3 / Kennedy,  
Robert F.*

June 8, 1968

Dear Miss Chesler:

The President asked me to thank you for your telegram. He was grateful to know of your concern at this time.

Enclosed is a copy of the President's Proclamation designating Sunday, June 9, as a day of national mourning.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Miss Rea Chesler  
219 South Gale Drive  
Beverly Hills, California

Enclosure: Rel of 6/6/68 Death of ROBERT F. KENNEDY Proc.

dek:ms

GENERAL

*To National Day  
of Mourning  
JL 3 / Kennedy  
Robert F.*

June 8, 1968

Dear Mrs. Savich:

The President asked me to thank you for your telegram. He was grateful to know of your concern at this time.

Enclosed is a copy of the President's Proclamation designating Sunday, June 9, as a day of national mourning.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Edward Savich  
6934 Decatur Place  
Myattsville, Maryland

Enclosure: Rel of 6/6/68, Death of Robert F. Kennedy Proc.

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GENERAL

FE 3-1/Kennedy,  
Att. F.

FE 3/Kennedy,  
Att. F.

June 8, 1968

Dear Mrs. Dean:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your telegram. Please be sure that your interest in submitting your comments at this time of tragedy is appreciated.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Gordon S. Dean  
4706 Grant Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19114

AVB:pb

GENERAL

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June 8, 1968

*JK3/Kennedy,  
Capt. F.  
LE/CM/G firearms  
CM/G firearms  
FG 535*

Dear Mrs. Deane:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing at this time of tragedy. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Thomas Deane  
308 North 18th Court  
Fort Pierce, Florida 33450

Enclosure : 6/5/68 Statement re Senator Kennedy

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at A-217... Writing at this time of tragedy.

Enc: 6/5 about re Senator Kennedy  
308 N 18th St  
St. Pierre La June 5, 1968

Dear Mr. President:

I am not a Democrat  
but an American.

I think the shooting of Robert Kennedy  
is a disaster for our country. I think we  
are the worst in the world.

The time has come I think when the  
sale of guns should be prohibited.

Also law enforcement should be  
mandatory. Plus a second look at  
the Supreme Court & its decisions.

Especially Justices Douglas, Black &  
Chief Justice Earl Warren -

Yours Truly  
Mrs. Thomas Deane.



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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 8, 1968

Dear Dr. Kaplan:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your telegram. Please be sure that your comments at this time of tragedy have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker  
Assistant to the President

<sup>x</sup>  
Dr. David Kaplan  
309 Walnut Street  
Elmira, New York

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WE ARE ASHAMED

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

REFERENCE ASSASSINATION OF BOB KENNEDY: RESPECTFULLY.

REFERENCES THE PAPERS WITHOUT A MALICE.

3 REFERENCES NEWSPAPERS RADIO AND TV. FROM A BUDDY BOY HOLD OUR  
BUSINESS

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Mr. George E. Christian  
Special Assistant to President  
White House Office  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Christian:

We are enclosing for your possible interest the report  
which was delivered to the Associated Press prior to  
midnight on Wednesday, June 5, 1968.

The AP story went out about 2 o'clock Thursday morning.

Cordially,

  
Albert E. Sindlinger  
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Dear Mr. Dembo:

I have read the two WCBS Radio editorials  
which you broadcast on June 6.

Many thanks for sending them to me.

Sincerely,

George Christian  
Press Secretary  
to the President

Mr. Joseph T. <sup>X</sup>Dembo  
Vice President  
<sup>X</sup>WCBS  
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Joseph T. Dembo, Vice President  
General Manager

Dear Mr. Christian:

I enclose transcripts of two WCBS Radio editorials which were broadcast yesterday. The first was heard at 2:20 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. -- just prior to President Johnson's speech. The second was broadcast after the speech and incorporates some of the President's remarks. I send these transcripts for your information.

Sincerely,



Mr. George Christian  
Press Secretary  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

June 7, 1968  
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# Editorial

## WCBS NEWSRADIO 88

51 West 52 Street, New York, New York 10019

**SUBJECT:** Dissent by the Gun  
(Update)

**BROADCAST:** June 6, 1968  
8:20, 11:20 p.m. and,  
8:20 a.m. June 7, 1968.

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In a WCBS Radio editorial yesterday, we said it would not suffice for us to wallow in one more national orgy of self-denunciation. In the wake of this latest bloody act of violence, national hand-wringing is not enough.

For there is a real danger that as a nation we are becoming apathetic to what Sociologist Gunnar Myrdal has called "the politics of assassination." There is a danger, that as a people, we are coming to accept as one more everyday hazard of our times, the growing pattern of violence in America.

It is too easy to intone with the pundits that this latest tragedy is one more symptom of what they like to call "Our National Sickness." Too easy to go on accepting the malady of unrestrained violence as unfortunate and incurable. Too easy to do nothing at all as the "stain of violence" -- that is what Senator Kennedy himself called it -- continues to spread.

Senator Kennedy was speaking before Congress in support of a bill intended to curb the deadly traffic in firearms across the nation. That bill, like a similar one introduced in Albany at the last session, was defeated.

Of course, registration of all guns could not be expected to prevent all crimes of violence committed with a gun. But it could and would prevent some of them. At the very least we can no longer tolerate a system that makes it easy for the emotionally unstable, the criminal, to get their hands on lethal weapons.

President Johnson has summed up the mood of a large part of the country in a call to Congress. "In the name of sanity," said the President, "give America the gun control law it needs."

But the bill Congress has sent to the President for signature falls far short of that. It limits but does not effectively control the sale of pistols. And it does not regulate the sale of rifles.

"The brutal loopholes" in our gun laws, of which the President spoke, remain.

This bill isn't good enough.

It isn't nearly good enough.

-WCBS RADIO-



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Now, Congress has before it, and is expected to pass, a much watered-down gun control bill. It contains far too many loopholes.

It isn't good enough.

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June 6, 1968

**GENERAL**

JL3/KENNEDY, R.F.

Lyndon B. Johnson, President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President;

MARY A. DAVISON

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter  
I wrote Mrs. Kennedy.

There was a prediction on television, the  
man who made it I don't remember, the other  
evening. The man said it would be a Humphrey  
vs. Nixon election in November. I was angry and  
also amused at this. I now see the man was  
right. That truly is a great choice! I will not  
vote. There is no one to vote for.

I am not a hippie nor a flower child.  
I do however, understand their rebellion. There really  
was no choice when you ran against Goldwater  
and yet I didn't give up; I voted. I have now  
given up. What use is a vote? You and people  
like you control this country.

You sit in your big chair and ask, "why  
are the youth using dope?" "Why is the communist

② party gaining so rapidly in the United States?  
The answer President Johnson is you! We can't  
stand what you're doing to us. Bread 40¢ a loaf?

My husband says VOTE we're the people.  
My God why? It does no good. You care  
about yourself. I was once a great believer  
in a democracy I now believe it was like  
a child's dream.

Isn't it a little late to ask for protection  
for the candidates? The only one who mattered  
is dead!

In great grief,  
Mary A. Davison



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4915 N.E. Cleveland Avenue  
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June 6, 1968

Dear Mrs. Kennedy,

I wanted to write this letter right after the primary election here in Oregon. I wanted to ask your husband forgiveness for the people's ignorance. I did not do so because I felt he would ~~not~~ see the letter anyway. If only I had at that time.

Please forgive the American people. I am so ashamed! God gave us two great men and through ignorance we have taken both their lives. I was so angry when your husband lost the election here. There is no other candidate, in my opinion, running who could come near his qualities. He was someone the youth of the nation could associate with; someone we could respect.

They call this a democratic nation! In my opinion it ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> a farce. We are supposed to be able to elect the man we want for president and yet the man I, and everyone I have spoken to wanted, was your husband. And yet he lost the election here in Oregon and now his life. I pointed out to everyone that your husband was not running for the position nor the salary, as he already had those; but as a man, and

② with all my heart I mean that, who  
cared about Americans and who loved his  
country.

I don't have any idea who is reading  
this letter, if anyone at all is, but I had  
to write it.

Please forgive us and accept my heartfelt  
sympathy. I couldn't feel worse if he were  
truly a member of my family.

I am no one. I really haven't the  
~~right~~ right to write but it makes me ill the  
condition of this country. They say we control  
it by our vote. I have never missed an  
election and God knows I am ashamed of my  
country!

In deep sympathy,  
Mary A. Davison

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I don't have any idea who is making  
 the letter, of course at all, but I feel  
 a little bit.  
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 I hope you are  
 happy & healthy.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

IN APPRECIATION OF YOUR EFFORTS WE HAVE SENT THE FOLLOWING  
TELEGRAM TO OUR SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN FROM COLORADO

WE TELEGRAPH TO TELL YOU OUR MOST EARNEST PRAYER AND IF  
NECESSARY TO BEG OF YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES IN THE US CONGRESS  
TO PASS THE MOST IMAGINABLY STRINGENT GUN CONTROL LAW MY WIFE  
IS A NATURALIZED CITIZEN FORMERLY A BRITISH SUBJECT AND HAS

MR AND MRS ROBERT MURIN.  
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KENNEDY BATH NY JUN 6 428P EDT VERY RICH YOUNG

THE PRESIDENT YEARS AGO THAT THERE IS NO POINT IN

THE WHITE HOUSE KENNEDY FOR WE WOULD HAVE TO KILL HIM

DEAR PRESIDENT JOHNSON: *Eugene*

ALTHOUGH I VOTED FOR YOU I HAVE LONG SINCE FELT THAT THE POINT

OF VIEW EXPRESSED BY SENATORS KENNEDY AND MCCARTHY WERE CLOSER TO THE TRUTH. I RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT YOU REREAD THE SPEECHES

OF MIKE MANSFIELD AND THE REMARKS BY SENATOR MCCARTHY

AND REASSESS YOUR CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THE GUILT OF RIGHT WING

MISS MERIAM P ALDEN BATH NY.



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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WHAT RIGHT DO YOU HAVE TO DECLARE SUNDAY THE DAY OF MOURNING

FOR SENATOR KENNEDY WHEN SUNDAY WAS DECLARED A DAY OF CONTEMPLATION

UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

ELIZABETH MOODY.

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*National Day of Mourning*



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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

MR PRESIDENT IN LIGHT OF THE PRESENT TRAGEDY I WOULD BEG THAT

YOU RECONSIDER AND PLACE YOURSELF AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

WARREN HILL.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES ESTABLISHES ROBERT F KENNEDY

AS AN HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THESE UNITED STATES

3 COPY SENT TO SENATOR <sup>Everett</sup> EDWARD DIRKSON

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WE ARE DEEPLY SHOCKED AT THIS HAPPENING? ABOUT ROBERT KENNEDY,  
SORRY THAT IT HAPPENED TO ONE OF NICEST MEN AT AMERICA EVER  
3 SEEN. WE'LL PRAY FOR HIM

CHARLES E BRODY AND FAMILY BOSTON AND MAINE RR LABOR UNION.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I'M SO SICK OF BEING CRITICIZED AS AN AMERICAN  
CITIZEN FOR THE HAPPENINGS OF UNEXPLAINED FORCES THE PAST FIVE  
AND HALF YEARS I SPEAK FROM MY HEART NOT POLITICALLY WE LOVE AND  
RESPECT YOU AND YOURS FOR THE JOB YOU ARE TRYING TO DO NEEDLESS  
TO SAY GOD HELP US IN WHATEVER WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN MY HEART  
WAS NOT COMPLETELY HEALED FROM THE ASSASSINATION OF OUR LAST

PRESIDENT RECENTLY ONLY TO BE SCARED BY THE DEATH OF MARTIN  
LUTHER KING AND NOW OVER THE PAST TWENTY FOUR HOURS WHAT WILL  
BE MY HEARTS PROGNOSIS I AM SAD AM TIRED AND I CRIED BUT WHO  
REALLY CARES WE DO UNDERSTAND WE DEEPLY CARE ABOUT YOU THE  
KENNEDYS AND THE USA LET NOT THE WHOLE OF THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA BE CRITICIZED FOR THE WRONG OF A FEW SICK PEOPLE WE  
REALLY CARE, NO MATTER WHAT THEY SAY WHOEVER THEY ARE, WHEREEVER THEY  
ARE. WE LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AND OUR GOD AS WE LOVE OUR OWN FLESH AND BLOOD  
HELEN GRADY.



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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

I HAVE JUST LISTENED TO YOUR TELEVISION MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE  
OF THE UNITED STATES ABOUT THE KENNEDY SHOOTING IN LOS ANGELES  
AND THE COMMISSION YOU HAVE JUST APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE AND  
FIND THE CAUSE OF THE UNREST OF THIS COUNTRY AND IF YOU'D JUST  
LOOK AROUND AT THE SUPREME COURT OF THIS COUNTRY  
AND THE LIBERAL LEGISLATION YOU HAVE PASSED YOU

WOULD FIND YOUR ANSWER YOU AS PRESIDENT SHOULD SET AN EXAMPLE  
OF THE RIGHT OF PERSONS TO BE FREE IN THIS COUNTRY BUT THE  
SUPREME COURT HAS GIVEN FREEDOM TO THE CRIMINALS WHERE A FREE  
MAN DOES NOT HAVE THE FREEDOM TO WALK AND SAY WHAT HE FEELS  
WITHOUT BEING SHOT LIKE A DOG THE LEADERSHIP SHOULD BE EXECUTED  
FROM THE HIGHEST OFFICE OF OUR LAND WHICH SHOULD BE YOUR OFFICE  
UNLESS YOU DO IT HOW CAN YOU GET THIS COUNTRY BACK TO ITS  
FEET OF RESPECTING A MANS OPINION AND THE LAW

LESTER J GUIDRY P O DRAWER CC LAFAYETTE LA.

GENERAL

Chief Justice Warren  
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

ONE KENNEDY'S DEATH MADE YOU PRESIDENT REFUSING TO RUN WE HAD

ANOTHER KENNEDY'S DEATH YOU OWE IT TO YOUR COUNTRY TO RUN AGAIN

GERALD SCUILLI.  
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

PLEASE DO NOT TRY TO TELL THE AMERICAN PUBLIC THERE IS

NO EVIDENCE OF CONSPIRACY IN THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF

ROBERT KENNEDY WHEN YOU HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO INVESTIGATE. YOU

SHOULD ASSUME THERE IS A CONSPIRACY IN ALL OF THESE

ASSASSINATIONS UNTIL PROVEN OTHERWISE THE GREAT AND NUMEROUS

MIDDLE CLASS PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY ARE AROUSED TO PROTEST THE

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LAWLESSNESS AND VIOLENCE RAMPANT IN THIS COUNTRY MINORITY GROUPS  
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NOT HAVE THE INTESTINAL FORTITUDE TO STAND FOR RIGHT

MATT ROBERT MARY TEEL.

WILTON CLARK.

R M SNYDER.

JEAN SIMPSON.

DORIS DORERTY.

MILDRED STILLIMAN.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE AS PEOPLE. THIS PERSON WHO KILLED SENATOR

KENNEDY WAS A FOREIGNER

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The White House  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

355 8th Ave  
N.Y. N.Y. 10001

June 6, 1968.

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PR3/5 \*

JL3/Kennedy, Robt. J.

\*Simmons, Mrs. E.

I have heard your speech regarding the cessation of violence with outright incredulity. You - are the greatest symbol and perpetrator of violence this country has ever perceived. Your demands for respect of law, order and peaceful means of resolving conflict should first be practiced internationally if you wish to change the atmosphere within our country. It is plain to all but yourself that our country's unjust participation in a horrible, immoral and unfair war of genocide against a tiny people struggling for independence is the greatest influence for violence our population could experience. Your bold hypocrisy makes me sick to my stomach. Yrs Truly.

1809 N. Monroe St.  
Arlington, Virginia  
June, 6, 1968

GENERAL

PR 3/8\*

JL 3/Kennedy,  
Robert F.

4/5  
President of the United States  
White House  
Washington, D.D.

Dear Mr. President:

Though I share your shock and sadness at the assassination of Senator Kennedy, when I heard your speech last night I felt only despair for the people of the world.

Your speech, Mr. President, was a masterpiece in the art of double-think. The effrontery of the acknowledged leader of the free world to so underrate the intelligence of the people of the world fills me with a sense of shame and guilt. You have called for an end to "senseless violence" and harm to innocent victims while you have for all your years in office condoned and continuously increased the most deplorable and senseless violence upon innocent men, women, and children the world has ever known. While calling for peace here as well as abroad our bombing and burning of towns and villages is continued unrelentingly in a war not our own but one on which our we have forced our "aid". Meanwhile, innocent victims of that war here at home are being ignored in their hunger because all our resources are being used not to help people, but to kill.

Our young people today, Mr. President, are merely following the actions rather than the preachments of their leaders, and until the leadership of the country regains a decent moral standard the morality of the people can only deteriorate further.

Respectfully,

*Dorothy L. Strong*  
Dorothy L. Strong

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PR 3/K

JL 3/Kennedy

Robert F.

June 6, 1968

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Dear President Johnson:

I am writing to you today concerning the senseless murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. I am 24, a school teacher and a Democrat. Much more than that, I am a very embittered man....I feel as if part of me died this morning.

I am amazed that you, President Johnson, can speak of the violence in country when you have the blood of so many thousands of innocent people on your hands. It is you, first and foremost, who must take the blame for the violence and despair that is found everywhere in this country. I find it impossible to believe that you can sleep at night....I can only hope that your dreams are filled with visions of napalmed Vietnamese children and coffins draped in American flags.

If you truly care about the fate of this country and if you would like to give a fitting memorial to Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, I urge you to end the senseless, immoral Vietnamese war now! I also urge you to do all you can to undertake a massive program of aid to the poor....now! Please do not let the deaths of Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King be in vain.

I only wish that I had sufficient words to let you know of the contempt that I feel for you and men like you! You do have the power to bring meaningful change to this country....why have you been such a dismal failure as both a President and a Human Being?

Robert G. Klass

Robert G. Klass  
9 Ammanino Ct.  
Oakland, Calif. 94618

GENERAL

WH 14-1  
JL 3/Kennedy, Robert  
PR 3/C\*

at 7th 6 June 68  
I strongly object to any Federal Tax purchased  
equipment such as air planes being  
used in funeral arrangements for the  
late Mr. Kennedy. Let the Kennedys  
spend some of their own money. They  
have it to squander away.

JR Coleman  
1311 Remount Street  
North Charleston, S. C.

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PARACHUTE TEAM

June 6, 1968

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President of the United States  
White House  
Washington, D. C.

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Your Blue Ribbon Committees are resented and very seldom get the true picture - - they lack the capacity to accept or understand the ordinary.

LTC. H. D. "Hank" BRAWLEY  
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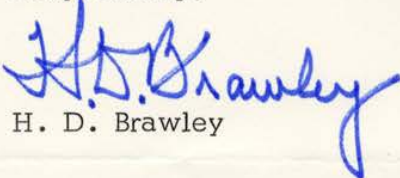
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To further point out the distrust evidenced by the general public with regard to your appointed committees of high ranking individuals and wealthy people, I point out that Senator Kennedy's demise appears to be the direct revulsion of one youngster against tremendous wealth.

If you have taken time to listen to one of your people, and I will place odds that you never see this letter, acknowledge in some manner. There are at least fifty people, who could be classified as your credibility gap, that swear you cannot be reached by the citizens.

// I refer a copy of this letter to my only acquaintance in Washington, D.C., Larry Temple, a member of your staff. //

Respectfully,

  
H. D. Brawley

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THE PRESIDENT

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FOLLOWING IS COPY OF TELEGRAM TO NRA WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS

"AS ANY REAL CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, I DEPLORE  
AN IMPORT TRYING TO ASSASSINATE A POLITICAL FIGURE. AT THE  
SAME TIME IT DOES NOT SEEM REASONABLE TO POINT THE FINGER AT  
A PORTION OF OUR CONSTITUTION IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT THE  
REAL PROBLEM IS WHO LET THE PSYCHOPATHIC JORDANIAN ISRAELITE  
INTO THE COUNTRY IN THE FIRST PLACE."

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Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson,  
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White House

Malak, Mrs. J.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The shooting of Sen. Robert Kennedy is the sign of our times. Since you've been President there has been such an increase in moral decay in our people. What can we expect from former associates of Sen. Phil Dodd and Bobby Baker.

You're responsible for the deaths of thousands of our boys & wounded ones who lie helpless

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The White House  
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

AS MEMBERS OF THE GREAT AND NUMEROUS MIDDLE CLASS AMERICANS WE DO  
NOT LIKE BEING TOLD WITHIN HOURS AFTER THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION  
OF ROBERT KENNEDY THAT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF CONSPIRACY.  
IT SHOULD BE ASSUMED THERE IS UNTIL PROVEN OTHERWISE WE ARE  
PROTESTING THE LAWLESSNESS AND VIOLENCE RAMPANT IN THIS  
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MINORITY GROUPS ARE RUNNING THIS COUNTRY TODAY BECAUSE MEN IN  
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MATT ROTHERT.

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Dear President Johnson:

I have just heard the news  
of the shooting of Senator Kennedy.  
I also heard a statement that  
you deplore this violence.

What else can you  
expect as a result of  
the atmosphere created  
by the massive influx  
of violence arising  
from your Vietnam  
policy? And the  
tensions arising from  
neglect of our  
domestic policies?

As you sow, so shall  
you reap!

Sincerely,  
Peter Kovacic  
Professor + Case  
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM SENT TO SENATOR TED KENNEDY GOOD SAMARITAN  
HOSPITAL IN LOS ANGELES CALIF.

THERE ONCE WAS A DREAM.

THERE WAS ONCE A DREAM OF A NATION.

A NATION WHERE ALL MEN COULD STAND FIGHTING SIDE BY SIDE.

A NATION WHERE ALL CHILDREN COULD PLAY HOLDING HANDS.

A NATION WHERE ALL MEN COULD WORSHIP WHERE THEY WANTED.

A NATION WHERE ALL MEN COULD BE UNDER THE LAWS OF THAT NATION.

A NATION WHERE ALL MEN COULD BE FREE

COULD THIS DREAM COME TRUE?

COULD THERE BE AN AMERICA?

P.S. I WROTE THIS BECAUSE OF RECENT EVENTS IN OUR  
NATION HAS SO MOVED ME I'LL TRY TO BE A GOOD AMERICAN

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Mr. Johnson,

Following the shooting of Senator Kennedy - I am touched to tears by your concern and your sudden desire for passage of a Gun Law. It's a little late for that, as all of the unsavory elements in our Nation have guns and weapons by now.

You, and you alone, must be held responsible for the current lawlessness. You, the political animal, always afraid of losing votes, have stood by silently for the past years, as violence and civil disobedience have taken hold of our Nation. You, have yet to come forth with anything more than weak and sniffling statements, not befitting a President. You have let this Nation down. You ought to be ashamed, as you have turned the Presidency into political mockery. President De Gaulle showed the world recently, what a man, a real man, can do for his country - in terms of strength and leadership. In comparison you have acted disgracefully. Your place in History will be a sad one, as no one, black or white respects you any more. God help you!

Elizabeth K. Maffay

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Lyndon B. Johnson  
Senator Thomas Kuchel  
Senator George Murphy  
Congressman Charles Gubser

Gentlemen:

The Congress must not ignore the shooting of Robert F. Kennedy as it has ignored the shooting of Martin Luther King, John F. Kennedy, Medgar Evers, and innumerable lesser public figures. Pious condemnations of violence and exhortations to prayer -- especially when offered by Lyndon Johnson, who, in recent history, stands second only to Adolf Hitler as a perpetrator of mass violence -- are a ludicrous response to the sickness that grips America. The only sufficient solution is an absolute prohibition against private ownership of firearms, and absolute federal control of their production and distribution.

I urge you to summon the courage to oppose the <sup>x</sup>National Rifle Association and to promote -- immediately -- effective firearms control legislation.

Sincerely,

  
Robert N. Jorgensen

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June 5, 1968

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

We write this hours after the terrifying and tragic news of the assassination attempt of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Obviously this latest act of violence is another symptom of the insanity which is widespread in the American society. It is beyond our abilities to suggest programs which will cure this illness. But there are certain obvious things that must be done:

// 1. A full and complete gun law must be enacted requiring strict registration of all guns and careful screening of each registration application. Only those few Americans who actually require fire arms for legitimate purposes should be allowed to carry them.

// 2. Massive programs must be enacted to alleviate poverty and discrimination. This must be done at any expense, including the curtailment of other major government programs (especially military), and, if necessary, large increases in taxation.

Please do not waste time and money answering this letter. The money is needed so desperately in other areas, and time, we fear, may already have run out.

Sincerely,

Jerry R. Juhl  
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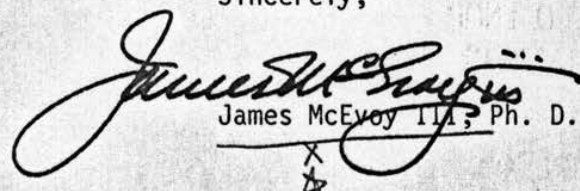
Lyndon Baines Johnson  
President of the United States  
The Office of the President  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, District of Columbia

Dear Mr. President,

In 1964 you campaigned on a platform of the "Great Society."  
Since that time you have acted in direct opposition to the  
implications of the promises of your campaign. Instead of  
peace, we have war; instead of solutions to the problems of  
the cities, youth, education, the poor and the unemployed,  
the majority of these problems have merely been forgotten and  
therefore intensified.

Now we have seen the shooting of Robert Kennedy. Your behavior  
as President, your fraudulent representations to the citizens of  
this nation, your pursuit of brutal, violent, murderous solutions  
to the problems in Vietnam, brought forth the opposition of Senator  
Kennedy and Senator McCarthy. I can only conclude that the  
violent act which will probably take Senator Kennedy's life  
originated as much with you as with the deranged actions of the  
wielder of the revolver. How many more Americans will have to  
die, Mr. President, before you will recognize the utter corruptness  
of your policies?

Sincerely,

  
James McEvoy III, Ph. D.  
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J. LOWELL KNAUFF, PASTOR

PARSONAGE ADDRESS: 1120 MANCHESTER DRIVE  
PHONE 787-0170

June 5, 1968

Dear Member of Grace and others (President Johnson)

I am sure that all of you were shocked by the news of the serious wounding of one of our Senators, Robert Kennedy, as he campaigned for the nomination of the President of the United States. It seems to me that, regardless of ones political affiliation or ones likes or dislikes for a person, this type of violence must somehow come to an end. Of course the question is how and when. While you are still upset about this tragic shooting, please sit down and write a letter to your representative in the House, James Gardner, and to your two representatives in the Senate, Sam J. Ervin and B. Everett Jordan, expressing your concern over the violence that seems to becoming a part of the American way of life. Request that they support and advocate fully strong gun control legislation realizing that such legislative action won't stop all killings and acts of violence but that it just might stem a little of it. I know that gun control legislation won't be a cure-all for our national problems because the problems in our country are basically moral and spiritual in nature and as I have heard so many times "one can't legislate morally".

If you would only write the letter, this would be the very least you could do as a Christian and as a citizen of the United States of America. Something must be done ... now!

Sincerely

J. Lowell Knauff  
J. Lowell Knauff, Pastor

'a congregation of the american lutheran church'





Wyoming's Democratic Voice

# the Spokesman

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## In Memoriam



### SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

1925-1968

This picture of Senator Kennedy is not a particularly good one of him, but it shows him at the end of a day on the campaign road, worn but still alert, quizzical, waiting his moment to step to the rostrum. Beside him is his old friend, Teno Roncalio. The occasion was a rally in Casper in the closing days of the 1966 campaign.

There is little to say now, although much to do. It is in our own recommitment that Senator Kennedy endures in the company of the memory of President Kennedy. This is the way it should be. This is what he would want. To his wife and family the people of Wyoming extend a lasting sympathy.

### Senator McGee--

## Calls for Deeper Level of Understanding

**Editor's Note: This is the statement made by Senator McGee to his colleagues in the United States Senate in commemoration of Sen. Robert Kennedy.**

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Mr. McGEE. Mr. President, the death by assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has left us all with a deep sense of shock and grief. But we are also experiencing the stark realization that, while character assassination in politics has almost become an accepted course of action, we cannot be deluded by its "harmlessness". The line between character assassination and political assassination is almost indistinguishable. The price of either is too high. It behooves Americans everywhere, therefore as voters and constituents, to raise our level of expectations with respect to those who would serve in public life.

We are experiencing today a rising sense of anger because of what the death of this remarkable young leader symbolizes and what it may portend. These feelings mix with the sorrow that we share and the compassion that we have for the Kennedy family, which has been struck once more by unspeakable tragedy, by a sorrow transcended only by the measure of service they have given this country.

### RATIONAL BEHAVIOR, NOT QUICKY SOLUTIONS

For those of us outside the magnificent family, the message is clear that we must rise up to our highest level of rational behavior, to the level of public conduct which Bob Kennedy and his family have established as a guideline for leadership. This means that we not act out of a fit of anger or grope for quicky solutions to the problem that must be solved in the hearts of Americans.

It is understandable that we hear new calls for

gun legislation, or demands that we pass new restrictive immigration laws because Senator Kennedy's assassin was a foreigner. But if we do this, we will only deceive ourselves, even though there might be gratification for some who could point to specific legislation.

But we are thinking about and talking about political assassination and the hazards of leadership in our country. They are very real. Political assassination has become too real. In recent years and days it has claimed Robert F. Kennedy and his brother, the late President John F. Kennedy. It has claimed Dr. Martin Luther King. It has claimed Medger Evers. And it has claimed Malcolm X and George Lincoln Rockwell, who were not greatly admired by many perhaps, but whose deaths also illustrate the frightening ease of political assassination.

### "WE MUST BEGIN TO DEMAND ... A HIGHER LEVEL"

This tendency reflects the evil virus of extremism injected into our body politic, first by the right wing and more lately by the so-called new left. The one describes a President as a "traitor" or a "comsymp" and the other denounces a President as a "murderer." On one side the poisonous vernacular of extremism demands "Impeach Earl Warren" and on the other it spits out "Hell no, we won't go." One brand of extremism can call Martin Luther King "nigger," while another cries back, "Burn, baby, burn."

Political assassination differs from other crimes, but this atmosphere is also engendered by forces which affect the broader problem of crime and lawlessness in America. As child psychiatrist Robert Coles put it in Trans-Action magazine recently, those senseless killers Bonnie and Clyde become "us" if we pay attention to what the social critics are saying about our society

today. The Nielsen ratings reflect this, too, for violence gets an audience and the media can be depended upon to go where the audience is. We must begin to demand from the media a higher level of entertainment, as well as a higher quality of news reporting which places less emphasis on the extremes and upon bloodletting, real or verbal, and more stress on the significant and substantive events that take place every day of our lives.

### THE MOLOTOV COCKTAIL AND THE FOMENTIVE TYPEWRITER

In politics, too, we must all learn to disagree without being disagreeable and quit demanding that candidates hit hard, low and often in order to excite their audiences. For all these factors have helped bring to the surface the kind of nut who will kill because law and order are too slow a process for him. Draftcard burners, campus rioters, those who throw molotov cocktails in the ghettos of our cities, and those who sit behind a typewriter or a microphone to reproduce the mood these people over-react from are equally guilty of helping to foment disrespect for law and disregard for order and for their fellow men.

It is easy to point a finger at Congress, or at the State Legislatures, and say "Pass a law." But that misses the point. What we have to do to come to grips with this problem is to begin with ourselves as individuals, and with our neighbors and our own communities. We must demand a higher level of conduct and forswear name calling, fear, suspicion, and distrust. We must acquire a deeper sense of tolerance and understanding of the other fellow's point of view and take to heart President Johnson's warning that, "There is never—never—any justification for the violence that tears at the fabric of our national life."



# THE SPOKESMAN EDITORIAL PAGE

## Is America Sick! Sick! Sick? And Is Richson Nixonfeller Our Prophet?

By the time this issue of the SPOKESMAN reaches its subscribers so much will have been said about the death of Senator Robert Kennedy that any additional comment will be in the nature of saturation. What more is possible in the way of verbal commemoration? To what further extent can the nation's anguish be eased by talking it out? This is the moment when the shock has begun to wear off and the ache has begun. In each of us that ache will continue to reoccur for the rest of our lives. New memories will superimpose themselves over those of John Kennedy and Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy—but in unguarded moments the sense of loss will return. It is thus each generation is brought to the supreme test of its courage and purpose.

Once again we have been forced to look minutely into the nature of life and have found it inexplicable. We rage in our grief. It is intolerable things should happen this way. Once more we are forced to rediscover what we forget between times, that a large part of the unendurable tragedy of this world is human in origin. Some men dream and create. Others are haunted by nightmares and destroy. That we should still be surprised at this is a sign of the intellectual childhood of the species. If we were wholly without illusions our grief would be honest and intense, but it would not be incapacitating.

### A Sick Society?

### Or a Silly Society?

Predictably an abundance of nonsense found its way into expression after Senator Kennedy's death. A Russian government spokesman who conveniently forgot his own good fortune in having escaped the Stalinist extermination mill managed to relate the assassination to capitalism. Charles Evers seemed to see behind the tragedy a conspiracy against the civil rights movement. There was the unparalleled fatuity of the attempt to link Senator Kennedy's death with the Vietnam war. From conservatives came the suggestion that the tragedy was further evidence that ours is a sick society. Meanwhile, Mayor Yorty of Los Angeles kicked the judicial process squarely in the teeth by strewing conjectural evidence right and left in such a way as to guarantee a burden of perplexities at the trial of the alleged assassin.

It was Wyoming's governor however who made it all the way unassisted to the peak of ultimate absurdity. Grasping the occasion of Senator Kennedy's death as an opportunity to strike a Napoleonic stance, the governor let it be known he will not tolerate civil disorder in Wyoming, nay, not even in such strongholds of radical sentiment as, say, Sheridan. Here was Bonaparte resurrected, facing down the mob by casually suggesting to the cannoneers that the time had come to give the rabble a whiff of grapes. And yet; and yet one puzzled and wondered, trying to imagine where the governor expected the Wyoming uprising of 1968 to materialize. From Wyoming's few and scattered Negro families? From its relative handful of Spanish-surnamed? Did the

governor perhaps expect the plains of Laramie to explode in student rioting. Or had he heard reports of war drums warning of an incipient Indian uprising? He did not say. He would not tolerate civil disorder in Wyoming, he said, thereby striking a heroic chord in the hearts of all right-thinking voters. But he did not explain how he would stop it elsewhere except, by insinuation, that he would match violence with violence. If you want evidence that ours is a sick or at least a silly society the governor of Wyoming will make a very convincing item indeed.

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But it is not the purpose of this editorial to suggest ours is a sick society. Quite the contrary. Before you are swept into depression and fear and hopelessness and anger; before, that is, you allow the Republican campaign to turn your mind into a quaking jelly of despair, take time to consider the following—

The victim, Senator Kennedy, was an American, a product of the inculcation of American values, a spokesman for those values, a man of and for his times, wholly committed . . . while his alleged assassin is the product of a land where, as far back as one can remember, political murder has been commonplace.

Whose society did you say is sick?

### The Politics of Guilt

I mean no disrespect to the memory of Senator Kennedy when I say the politics of martyrdom is as dangerous in its implications as the politics of assassination. The politics of martyrdom is the politics of nostalgia and a sense of deprivation, of the nihilistic mood of "What's the use if this is the way matters will turn out?" It is the politics of paralysis because it is the politics of grief and anger and the futile search for a scapegoat. This is the political atmosphere that is creeping up on us this summer and its consequences could be grave. In a primitive way we may be concluding that we are being collectively punished as a nation for being too materialistic or for being immoral or too much this and not enough that. We are psychologically primed to accept the notion that in the tragic death of a political leader is an implied rebuke against each one of us.

Thus the politics of martyrdom evolves directly into the politics of guilt.

And the politics of guilt is very convenient to the G.O.P. because if the average voter can be persuaded to swear by it the Republican party will take the election next fall by a landslide. "America is sick! sick! sick! and Richard Nixon (or Nelson Rockefeller) is your prophet! Repent . . . and vote Republican!" This is the message that the G.O.P. is fashioning.

Those who do not believe this are advised to watch the Republicans from now on. They will redouble their efforts to convince the country it is sick, sinful, spendthrift, broke, blasphemous, godless, violent, vice-ridden and going to hell in a bucket. The approach is shrewd. The G.O.P. fully gauges the extent of the shock and sorrow and indignation over Senator Ken-

nedy's death. It knows each one of us is concerned over Negro rioting, the rising crime rate, student violence and the other signs of unrest in today's America. The G.O.P. suspects that a substantial number of Americans can be persuaded if they are not already that Negroes are behaving the way a minority of them are because, don't you see, they just aren't equal to white civilization. The G.O.P. will not say that outright. It delivers its message by talking archly about "crime in the streets." Similarly, the G.O.P. will talk dolefully about student rioting but never about the origins of student discontent. The irony of the situation is that the Republican party of this century is copiously at fault for having ignored Negroes and cities and for having brought forth no challenging values and goals to motivate the hearts and minds of today's students—yet from the effects of its own passivity and obstructionism it expects to wring votes.

### Instant Progress

It is customary among Republicans and, truth requires it be admitted, among some Democrats, to fault Lyndon Johnson for our uncomfortable world.

As John Kennedy said, "Life is unjust"—and the abuse that has been heaped on LBJ is testimonial of that fact.

Historians will hardly fail to note what ought to be apparent to most of us, that the assault on LBJ was so crudely motivated and so vile in some instances as to merit little respect and attention.

If you check the Kennedy-Johnson record you will note that in instance after instance legislation was proposed by the two presidents aimed at 1. striking at the roots of urban decay 2. securing basic rights to the discriminated-against citizens of this country 3. providing the nation's young people with opportunities to serve their country and obtain the training to make possible their own successful careers 4. reduce unemployment to the greatest possible extent 5. tame the economic cycle of boom and recession 6. bring under control the damaging effects upon our environment of industry and technology 7. make the greatest possible effort to eliminate from American life the hideously unequal circumstances under which American children start life 8. aid education at all levels 9. bring the nuclear powers of the world into such association as to provide hope that the deadly radiation which showered down on the world from nuclear testing will never resume 10. help the country and the world come to grips with famine and overpopulation.

These 10 points do not summarize the achievements of the Kennedy-Johnson years in toto but they are a substantial part. Their significance is better understood when we check the Republican years, 1952-60, and find that the efforts and the legislation represented by these 10 points HAVE ALMOST NO SUBSTANTIVE ANTECEDENTS IN THE EISENHOWER YEARS.

Chew on that for a while.

Then consider this. We have any number of people who are disappointed with LBJ because, in five years, he has not been able to master the problems besetting America, particularly those in the cities. Imagine that! The legislation he has been instrumental in proposing and enacting in the last five years has not yet rectified the oversights, neglect, greed and stupidities of more than a century.

Harold Howe, the able Federal Commissioner of Education had something to say about the critics who can't understand why we don't have Instant Progress now that we've got the legislation. His words were aimed, too, at the Republican critics who want to toss the Kennedy-Johnson legislation out the window and start all over with something else. Howe said these people remind him of the fellow who plants a tree and then comes along every three weeks or so and yanks it up by the roots to see how it's coming along.

### In Love With Violence

None of the foregoing should be interpreted to mean that all is well with this country, that the ugly violence of the times is only in the eye of the beholder, that "Students for a Democratic Society" are really benign scholars sincerely in search of purpose and meaning, that there is not an awful crime problem in Negro ghettos, that there is not a great deal in contemporary America that is alarming and depressing.

But are we decadent? Or were we always decadent? Were we less in love with violence all those years we could not—or would not—pass an anti-lynching law than we are now? Was our failure to protect human life during lynching's heyday a sign of a more moral America compared with the fact that property rights in American slums are currently being disregarded? From what heights of propriety as a nation have we descended? Or have we actually been climbing? When men were shot and clubbed and blacklisted for union organizing activities, were the times more righteous? When students unquestioningly accepted the dogmas and prejudice of their teachers and traditional shallow life goals, were they more spiritual? Were the years during which Negroes were fleeing starvation and night riders in the South for neglect and repression in northern cities more godly than now when the Negro has at last found himself cornered and is striking back? Were we a less violent country when unsuccessful attempts were made to assassinate Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry Truman? Is it the accuracy of the assassin's bullet that defines our times?

In short, are the moral years the ones during which the problems are allowed to accumulate from neglect while the immoral years begin when the accumulation explodes.

Or is what we are really upset about the fact that never again in

our lives are we going to be allowed to forget the nether America that has always existed, where children begin life under unspeakable inequity and men are denied jobs because of skin color and families fitfully beget more children to begin their lives in squalor and thus to repeat the dreadful cycle?

There may be a sickness in America but I submit it is in the soul of the man who says "nigger" and in the soul of the political leader who encourages him. There may be a morbidity in this country and if there is I submit it is in the newspaper or television report that emphasizes violence ONLY and strife ONLY and bitterness ONLY and says nothing about the overwhelming majority of us who seek reconciliation. We have come to believe our press notices so completely that in each of us there is a deep sense of sin and guilt and a potential Republican vote.

### The Danger Is Disengagement

I submit further that the real disaster potential of our times is not the country may go up in smoke of civil disorder but that the contending factions will become exhausted and disengage. This is most of all to be feared because while we are locked in conflict we can never wholly ignore each other. In the contention between white and black America is the salvation of both, a dreadfully painful one to be sure, but far preferable to a new isolation in which one side will again batten on the myths of race while the other grows monstrous in its alienation. Disengagement without reconciliation will almost certainly set the stage for a bona fide national earthquake.

This is not the time for parties or leaders who believe that what America needs is a whiff of grape-shot down the street into the face of the mob and a return to a contrived, enforced, counterfeit civic tranquility. The answer to the tumult of our times is passionate engagement by each of us in support of federal, state, group and personal efforts aimed at furthering justice and opportunity for all in this country. The means whereby America can meet her problems are, and should be, varied. It is not "How?" It is "Whether?" It is, this summer, the question of whether having been thus far committed by the Kennedy-Johnson years we are willing to take the next essential steps. If instead of feeling guilt we are willing to acknowledge our debt to the Kennedys and Kings and to the unsung and unremembered of our times who went down before the assassin's bullet and the bully's club whilst in pursuit of justice, we shall redeem our destiny. There is no other way to quiet the ghosts that wait patiently beyond our door for a sign their lives were not gathered up in vain. . . . M.L.

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# State Senator Wilkins Spoke at Spring Membership Tea of the Sheridan County Democratic Women's Club



Listening intently to Senator Wilkins were these Sheridan County ladies. Upwards of 35 women attended the membership tea.



New officers of the Sheridan County Democratic Women's club are, left to right, Rose Marie Madia, treasurer; Claire Leon, president; Elizabeth Bondi, secretary.



Past president of the Sheridan Women's club, Mrs. Ed Freeman, was presented a gift from the club by new president Mrs. Mike Leon. Gift was Eric Hoffer's newest book.



Women's club members being served tea are, left to right, Mrs. C. L. Elder, Mrs. Russell Snider, Mrs. William Whitman, and Mrs. Beth McElfresh. Pouring is Sylvia Freeman.



**Sheridan, Wyoming, May 25:** State Senator Edness Kimball Wilkins told a membership tea of the Sheridan County Democratic Women's Club that the Democrats of Wyoming face being subdistricted out of existence if they fail to gain a majority in one of the state's two legislative chambers next fall.

Culminating her talk with this estimate of the challenge of the 1968 elections, Senator Wilkins first traced the history of the Wyoming Democratic party and of the roles Wyoming women have played in the political life of the state.

Her audience was composed of former and newly registered members of the women's club. The location of the meeting was at the Sheridan Inn which has recently been designated a National Historic Site and is being remodeled and restored.

Few, if any, Wyoming women speak with Senator Wilkins' authority on Wyoming history and Wyoming political process. A six-term member of the Wyoming House of Representatives, Mrs. Wilkins came to the Senate in 1966. Her career in the House led to her elevation to the Speakership after serving as Speaker Pro Tem.

Busy registration table was managed by Mrs. Gene Bondi, shown here registering Nevada (Mrs. Tex) Ellis of Clearmont. At bottom left with Sen. Wilkins is Mrs. L. L. Spracklen, a former Sheridan County committeewoman and legislative candidate.

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# State Chairman Sets Convention Routine

**Editor's Note:** The following communication has gone out from State Chairman John Rooney to Delegates and Alternates to the Democratic National Convention.

To: Delegates and alternates to the National Convention

The following covers housing, finance, transportation, committees and first meeting with reference to the convention. Please read it promptly and carefully and take immediate action with reference to that set out in the final paragraph.

**1.—Finance** Most of you have already sent me \$100.00 for incidental expenses to be incurred in connection with the convention. There was no request by me, and I appreciate your action. For those of you who have not done so, I request that you do so now. The money will be used as follows: \$50.00 deposit on your rooms (you will ultimately therefore receive this back since you will receive credit for it on your room charge. If you are not staying in the delegate reserved rooms you should send only \$50.00 instead of \$100.00). About \$30.00 to purchase a coat or jacket, gold in color, with pocket label "Delegate — Democratic National Convention 1968". About \$20.00 to pay a portion of the caucus and headquarters suite at the hotel. I will make a special accounting of expenditures to you after convention.

**2.—Housing** We have been assigned to the Pick Congress Hotel in Chicago. This is a 1,000 room hotel on Michigan Blvd. and Congress in the Loop. It is air conditioned with TV and radio in rooms. It is a first class hotel and probably ranked number 2 of the 23 hotels to be used for delegates. The delegations from Connecticut "Baileys

own state", Maryland, Montana, Arizona and Louisiana will also be at the Pick Congress. We must send a \$50.00 per room deposit to confirm and hold our reservations. I have telephoned the hotel and was advised that the single rooms run from \$13.00 to \$24.00 and the twin bedded rooms for two people run from \$19.00 to \$30.00. The minimum rental time is 5 days. Please see the final paragraph in this letter which will indicate the information needed by me for reservation purposes.

**3.—Transportation** I am still trying to firm up an acceptable plan with the air lines. Many of you are going by train or personal auto. About 50 air line spaces are anticipated. I am trying to work out stops in Billings "or Sheridan", Casper and Cheyenne for boarding but we may have to settle for one place. I will send a follow up memo on this as soon as possible.

**4.—Committees** The task of committee assignments was made easy by the fact that most delegates declined assignments and a few indicated they would accept only if needed. Alternate delegates could not be assigned, except that women alternates could be assigned only if women delegates were not in attendance. We have 5 women delegates. All said yes except Renee, who said no. June said, "if needed". Only 3 men delegates gave an unqualified yes. 5 said yes "if needed". Accordingly, the 4 women delegates who said yes or if needed were assigned and the 3 men delegates who said yes were assigned. Rather than pick between the men who said "if needed", I assigned myself. As it appears now, I will have to be there early anyway and the committee to which I am assigned does little other than approve arrangements already made.

I hope this meets with your approval. Please advise if it does not. The assignments are:

Credentials—Vi Lawler and Don Hubbard

Resolutions and Platform—Alice Burridge and Don Anselmi

Rules and Order of Business — Nora Mix and George Cox

Permanent Organization — June Boyle and John Rooney

Direct contact will be made by the committee chairmen with committee members concerning time for committee meetings.

**5.—First Meeting** Pursuant to direction of the State Convention, I plan to call the organization meeting about 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 25th in our caucus room at the hotel. The specific call for this meeting will be sent out at a later date. At the meeting each delegate will place a slip containing his name in a box or hat and the first 12 names drawn will have 1 vote, the other 12 will have the ½ vote. At the meeting, we will ballot for a delegate chairman, a delegate vice-chairman and a caucus secretary. The caucus chairman will announce his rules and procedure.

Accordingly, please return the enclosed immediately and send your check if you have not already done so. Enclosed is a slip of paper indicating the information which I now have concerning you and the information which I further need concerning you. Please verify the information I have and supply the information I need. Please return the slip whether or not you add information indicating that the information I now have is OK.

Thanks,

John J. Rooney  
State Chairman



WASHINGTON—McGee Senate Internship contest winners Tom Long of Casper and Janet Crawford of Cheyenne are shown with Senator Gale McGee, D-Wyo., sponsor of the annual essay contest which brought Long and Miss Crawford to Washington, D.C. for a week-long exposure to the U.S. Government in operation and the attractions of the Federal City. Both were chosen as winners of the sixth annual competition on the basis of scholarship and activities, as well as their essays on the subject of U.S. draft laws.

## WATCH ON THE POTOMAC

By Robert G. Spivack

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### How TV Causes Social Unrest

The President's Committee on Civil Disorders and others who have studied the big city riots make much of the fact that TV cameramen get would-be rioters to perform in front of the cameras, even to committing acts of arson or breaking store windows.

**If there were no TV cameramen on the spot, some police officers hold, there would probably be no riots, or inflammatory speeches that incite disorder.**

Perhaps there is some truth in the criticism. Having grown up in the news media and having covered my share of disorders, I am aware that we have our share of irresponsibles who would rather get a "good story", even if it is not altogether true, or a "good picture", even if it distorts a situation.

But I have always had the nagging feeling that these analyses were somewhat superficial and, in any case, only a small part of the story.

**Now, at this conference at Fordham, we are getting a glimpse of some of the more basic problems that are created by television and to a lesser extent by the other news media. The purpose of this meeting, which deals mainly with the discontent among lower middle class whites in our big cities, is to find out what is hardening so many in their racial hostility towards poor Negroes.**

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The young Negro youth who breaks a store window to snatch a pair of fancy shoes or a rich-looking jacket is not so hard to understand. After years of working he still feels poorly clothed, while everyone else around him looks snappy and well-dressed. It's a frustrating experience that causes the crack-up.

With the lower middle class white the problem is somewhat different. Every night he watches the better off youngsters, as portrayed on television, riding their snazzy sports cars, rushing off to plush parties, and altogether living the life of Reilly.

**If father cannot provide him with these luxuries the kids get mad, or the wife gets sore about having to do all the drudgery around the house, while other wives are playing tennis and bridge and attending social teas.**

What television does for the lower middle class American, in the opinion of a position paper of the Education and Urban Planning Staff of the American Jewish Committee is to develop a style of life where "the reach exceeds the grasp."

Or, as it is put in more learned terms:

"The appetite and the sense of possibility generated by an affluent society create both the need and the assumption of wherewithal to consume conspicuously and repetitively.

"The average American is bombarded by the mass media message of abundance. From his radio in the morning, to advertisements on the buses, to the evening TV commercials, he is told that elegance and luxury are well within the means of any hardworking citizen.

"But the affluence of the lower middle class American is a tenuous one, historically and even currently, and it does not allow him the comforts which the media say he deserves."

**In order to live the way people on television live it is often necessary for both husband and wife to work. If, after hard work, they think "others", by which they usually mean Negroes, are getting something for nothing the seeds of resentment have been sown.**

When we talk of avoiding future racial conflict and reconciliation of the races these are factors that have to be taken into consideration. Once they are recognized it may be a little easier to de-fuse the racial time bombs that exist in almost every big city.

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### QUESTIONS FOR THE CAMPAIGN

1. The Governor of Wyoming, a Republican, has asked the mineral industry to help him write new tax legislation. Did he ask you?
2. Word has leaked out that you are being charged as much as \$30 on new model cars over former prices because the industry says this is what the seat belt installation calls for. Automotive writers say it's costing the industry more like \$5 per car. Why does Senator Hansen, a Republican, line up with the auto industry when safety questions come up?
3. Signs that pollution of various kinds—water, air—is increasing are evident all over Wyoming. Take a look at some of the lumbering operations that Hathaway-Peck and the Natural Resources board people are telling us is clean industry of the sort Wyoming needs. The governor says federal standards are not necessary for the states in this area—that the states can police their own problems—but his own failure to seek remedy for the new sources of pollution that have sprung up during his tenure indicates his lack of sincerity.

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